(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such report has been published in the Indian Express, dated May 8, 2000.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Adverse effect of antibiotics

3464. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation has advised the doctors to reduce prescribing antibiotics, because there overuse is spreading drug resistance;

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to ensure compliance with the advice of the World Health Organisation; and

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to educate the public on the adverse effect of overuse of antibiotics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Academic Standard of AIIMS

†3465. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards deterioration in the quality of doctors passing out from All India Institute of Medical Sciences;

(b) whether most students of this Institute, despite being most brilliant in the country after clearing graduation examination secure lesser marks than external students in post-graduation entrance exams for MD/MS;

(c) if so, the reasons for falling academic standard in this Institute;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (e) No, Sir. The Institute is producing high quality doctors who have obtained admission through regorous All India Entrance Examination. The academic standard of the Institute has been consistently high, as the students/doctors are not only exposed to the latest medical advances and state-of-the-art medical technology, but to a complex clinical, hands-on experience. The quality of doctors passing out from the Institute is recognized and appreciated by hospitals and research/ academic institutions in India and overseas.

In the postgraduate entrance test conducted by the Institute, some of the graduates of AIIMS do secure very high ranks. However, it is also true that several students do not rank in the top hundered. The matter regarding institutional reservation in PG seats in the Institute is pending in the Supreme Court and the matter is sub-judice.

Advance fee for Operations at AIIMS for CGHS Beneficiaries

3466. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS beneficiaries undergoing bypass surgery and other life saving operations at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, are required to pay in advance the fees of operations by means of Cheque in favour of the Institute;

(b) if so, the reasons for not simplifying the procedure so as to ensure that AIIMS undertakes the operation and prefers claim from the concerned department, to save the patient from the agony of running here and there for getting the amount sanctioned and loss of precious time for early treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India, Ministry of Health has issued the order on 13th January, 2000, where it has requested the Departments/Ministeries to give 90% advance to AIIMS, New Delhi, before commencement of the treatment procedure.

Supply of Medicines by Blacklisted Companies

3467. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding supply